

# President Gives Boss Of CIA Wide Control Of U.S. Spy Agencies

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Washington (News Bureau)—After months of bureaucratic infighting, President Carter has decided to turn over nearly all the budgetary and "tasking" control of the nation's intelligence-gathering agencies to Adm. Stansfield Turner, director of central intelligence, in a reorganization plan to be announced today.

White House sources said that Turner, a Naval Academy classmate of Carter, will this gain effective control of the two little-known military spy agencies—the National Security Agency and the National Reconnaissance Office—which have the biggest budgets. Together, the two account for \$3 billion of the approximately \$6 billion spent by all the various U.S. intelligence organizations.

The President's decision should end the struggle between the Pentagon and the CIA over who will control the lion's share of the federal budget for intelligence-gathering activities and which would emerge as kingpin in the nation's far-flung intelligence community.

The struggle for control of the National Security Agency, which operates a highly sophisticated worldwide communications monitoring and code-breaking network, and the supersecret Reconnaissance office, which controls intelligence-gathering spy-in-the-sky satellites, was waged largely between Turner and Defense Secretary Harold Brown.

## A Look at His Role

Turner, who will also retain the title of director of central intelligence, won most, but not all, of the marbles. He will have major leverage over both of the key organizations, however, — through his control of their budgets and "tasking" — bureaucratic jargon for broad, long range assignments.

But personnel in the two agencies will still be employees of the Defense Department, thus remaining in the chain of command under Brown, at least for their day-by-day assignments. In addition, Brown will continue, as secretary of defense, to control the budgets and assignments of the Defense Intelligence Agency, a coordinating office which supervises and puts together the work products of the intelligence operations conducted by the three armed services.

"He (Turner) will obviously be the most powerful person in the intelligence community, but he will not be an intelligence czar," one White House source said.

The reorganization stemmed from recent investigations by the Rockefeller Commission and congressional committees into allegations of CIA and other agency

deficiencies in the country's overall intelligence operations.

Under the Carter plan, Turner will have general oversight responsibility for the intelligence community, but will work under the supervision of the National Security Council and, of course, the President.

A source told The News that Carter, in an effort to head off future abuses by the various intelligence agencies, will recommend that Congress tighten up its statutory powers, particularly the charters of the CIA and the FBI. Vice President Mondale is expected to spell out Carter's recommendations in greater detail in a speech in Chicago tomorrow.

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